

House Resolution No.

Whereas, Grace F. Harmon will be recognized as a nominee for the prestigious Athena Award during the Athena Award Luncheon to be held on May 7, 2004, at The Columns Banquet Center; and

Whereas, Athena Award recipients are selected for their professional excellence, community service, and also for actively and generously assisting women in their attainment of professional excellence; and

Whereas, Grace Harmon has distinguished herself in the business world as the Community Relations Coordinator at HASCO (Harmon, Arnold and Schrier) International, Incorporated; and

Whereas, beginning in 1978, Grace Harmon organized and developed the Customer Service, Data Entry, and the Personnel and Human Resources Departments at HASCO International while the company grew, and served as Personnel Manager over more than three hundred employees from 1995 to 1999; and

Whereas, business accomplishments that demonstrate Grace Harmon's professional excellence include serving as President of the St. Charles Chamber of Commerce in 1999 and as Chair of the SSM St. Joseph Health Center and St. Joseph Hospital West Foundation Board from 2001 to 2002; and

Whereas, Grace Harmon has also benefitted the community as a Charter member and Chair of the City of St. Charles Public Schools Foundation Board, where she has provided grants to teachers with innovative ideas not funded by school budgets; as a Board member with the St. Charles Chamber of Commerce, where she has Chaired the Education Committee and participated yearly in the Ethics Seminar for high school freshmen and the Career Fair for high school students; and as a Board member for the MOSAICS event at the Foundry Art Centre; and

Whereas, in the area of leadership and outreach activities, Grace Harmon has excelled as an Advisory Board member for Women Connect, a program devoted to educating and inspiring women to develop life management skills; as a Board member for Connections to Success, whose mission is to reach out to low-income women entering the work force; and as a member of the Regional Business Council Civic Group, which connects women from across the region to better understand regional issues:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the well-deserved selection of Grace Harmon as a nominee for the Athena Award from the Athena Leadership Foundation of St. Charles County and to convey to her this legislative body's heartiest congratulations and best wishes for continued personal and professional success in all future endeavors; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Grace F. Harmon, as a measure of our esteem for her.

Offered by _____
Representative Tom Dempsey
District No. 18

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, Second Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. ____, adopted ____, 2004.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker